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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/529,670

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FOR: SUBSTITUTED (THIAZOL-2-YL)-AMIDES OR SULFONAMIDES AS  
GLUCOKINASE ACTIVATORS USEFUL IN THE TREATMENT OF  
TYPE 2 DIABETES

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of April 25, 2008, Applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 1, 4-7, 16-18 and 24. Applicant requests rejoinder of "method" claims once allowable subject matter has been identified. Applicant reserves the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

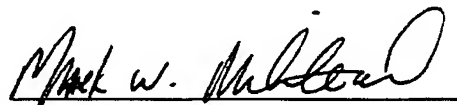
Applicant believes that no fees are due with this filing. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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